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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket Number (Optional) **FY 2005** ALS-017CP (fees effective on or after October 1, 2004) Application Number 10/763,279-Conf. #6483 Filed January 23, 2004 For REINFORCED LOCKING CONNECTOR **Art Unit** 2833 Examiner Not Yet Assigned This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): <u>Fee</u> **Small Entity Fee** One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$110.00 \$55.00 \$ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$430.00 \$215.00 \$ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$980.00 \$490.00 \$ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1,530.00 \$765.00 \$ 1,040.00 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2,080.00 \$1,040.00 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 12-0080 I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 24,798 November 24, 2004 Signature Date Thomas V. Smurzynski (617) 227-7400 Typed or printed name Telephone Number NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below. Total of forms are submitted. I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV 465007281 US, in an envelope addressed to: MS Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below. Signature: < Dated: November 24, 2004

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